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Title: DEVICE CONTROL METHOD AND PROGRAM RECORDED
MEDIUM ON WHICH THE METHOD IS RECORDED
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

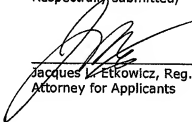
Japanese reference 10-173689 is not in the English language but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

Reference EP 0 658 010 was cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 10, 2007.

The attached references were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language Supplementary European Search Report, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith. MPEP Section 609.04(a)III, second paragraph.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application or before mailing of the first Official Action on the merits. No first Official Action on the merits has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. No fee or statement is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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Enclosures: PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b
(5) References

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